

*State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*John Lynch, Governor*

*A Proclamation*

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**  
**MARCH 2007**

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire women of diverse race, class, and ethnic backgrounds have helped enrich our state in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire women play an important economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Women make up close to half of New Hampshire's labor force and women-owned businesses have a positive effect on our economy; and

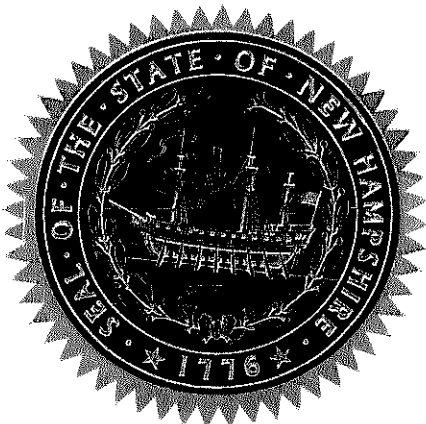
**WHEREAS**, New Hampshire women such as Ann Cheney Beach, Mary Baker Eddy, Eleanor Hodgman Porter, and Christa McAuliffe have demonstrated heroism, courage and leadership and their accomplishments have greatly added to the history of our state and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Legislature has the second-highest percentage of women in elected office in our nation at 36 percent, and

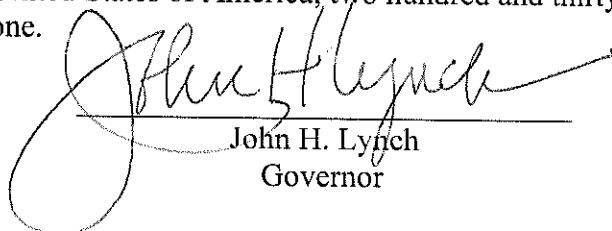
**WHEREAS**, In 2007 Carol Shea-Porter became the first woman in New Hampshire to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Hampshire Commission on the Status of Women was established and remains as the only state governmental agency exclusively devoted to enhancing opportunities and promoting positive change for the women of the State of New Hampshire;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN LYNCH, GOVERNOR** of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MARCH 2007** as **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** and encourage all citizens to celebrate the role women have played in shaping our State and our nation.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of Our Lord two thousand and seven, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-one.

  
John H. Lynch  
Governor